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MAGNETIC RECODING MEDIUM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

- 1. JP 2003-297617**
- 2. JP 2002-162501**
- 3. JP 2000-155981**
- 4. JP 6-287005**
- 5. JP 8-196896**

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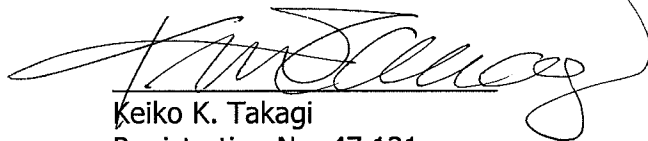
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the foreign language document, a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such document, together with an English-language version of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office is submitted herewith. Also, English language abstracts for the foreign language documents JP-2003-297617, JP 2002-162501, JP 2000-155981, and JP 6-287005.

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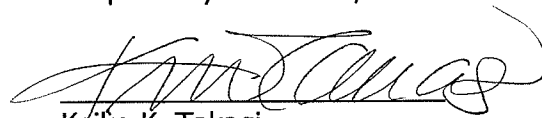
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